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SUBJECT: HSU SHIH-YU CRITICIZED IN KIANGSU; NORTHEAST STRESSES
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SUMMARY: THERE IS CURRENTLY A VERY ACTIVE POSTER CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY IN THE KIANGSU CITIES OF NANKING AND SOOCHOW. POSTERS BOTH PLACES SEEMED MOSTLY TO BE WORK OF MASS REPRESENTATIVE ACTIVISTS OUSTED FROM POWER FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO AND NOW SEEKING REHABILITATION. POLITBURO MEMBER HSU SHIH-YU IS BEING CRITIZED IN THE POSTERS FOR HIS PAST ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE. MEANWHILE, IN THE INDUSTRIAL CENTERS OF SHENYANG AND ANSHAN IN LIAONING PROVINCE SLOGANS EXHORT THE PEOPLE TO STEP UP PRODUCTION TO FULFILL THIS YEAR'S PLAN. THE CAMPAIGN TO EMULATE TA CHINA APPARENTLY INVOLVES NUMEROUS CONFERENCES TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES ON PROMOTING A "GREAT LEAP FORWARD" IN PRODUCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING A NOV 16-23 TOUR OF SHENYANG, ANSAN, NANKING AND SOOCHOW WITH THE US UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS DEL, USLO OFFICER SAW LIMITED POSTER ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHEAST CITIES BUT AN
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INTENSE CAMPAIGN IN NANKING AND SOOCHOW.

2. NANKING - FRESH POSTERS AND WALL SLOGANS BY "REVOLUTIONARY CADRES AND WORKERS" FROM NUMEROUS FACTORIES COULD BE SEEN ALONG MOST OF THE MAIN THOROUGHFARES OF CITY. OFT-CRITICIZED KIAN SU PARTY SECRETARY WU TA-SHENG TOOK BRUNT OF ATTACK, WITH MANY POSTERS CALLING FOR HIS OVERTHROW, BRANDING HIM A "SWORN FOLLOWER" OF LIN PIAO, OR CALLING HIM TO MAKE (ANOTHER) PUBLIC CONFESSION. POLITBURO MEMBER HSU SHIH-YU WAS LINKED TO WU IN SEVERAL POSTERS, AND HE, WU, AND NANKING CITY PARTY SECRETARY AND RC CHAIRMAN FANG MIN FREQUENTLY DENOUNCED TOGETHER FOR EARLIER ACTIONS AGAINST "REVOLUTIONARY MASSES."

THEY ACCUSED OF USING THE "DEEP CAMPAIGN" (THE SAME TERM SHEN WAS IN THE "DIG TUNNELS DEEP" SLOGAN) TO ROOT OUT "516" ELEMENTS FOUR YEARS AGO AS MEANS TO ELIMINATE MASS ACTIVISTS WHO OPPOSED THEM. POSTERS DEMANDED THAT REHABILITATION MEETING BE HELD SOON - ONE SET A NOVEMBER 20 DEADLINE -- TO RECTIFY THESE EARLIER WRONGS AND SOME CITED RECENT REHABILITATION MEETING HELD IN NEARBY CITY OF YANGCHOU AS EXAMPLE TO EMULATE.

3. FANG MIN SEEMED TO BE GETTING FAIRLY ROUGH TREATMENT. ONE POSTER RELATED HOW GROUP OF WORKERS HAD GONE TO HIS HOME ON NOV 15 TO TAKE HIM TO CRITICISM MEETING IN A FACTORY. FINDING FANG IN BED ILL -FEIGNED, SAID THE POSTER -- THEY FORCED HIM TO GET DRESS AND GO OFF TO THE SESSION. FANG REPORTEDLY SAID AFTER NUMEROUS ACCUSATIONS HAD BEEN MADE AGAINST HIM THAT HE WOULD REVIEW HIS EARLIER ACTIONS WHEN HE HAD RECOVERED FROM HIS ILLNESS. THE WORKERS WERE NOT SATISFIED AND SAID THEY PLANNED TO PUT HIM THROUGH MORE CRITICISM AT LATER DATE.

4. FACTORIES INVOLVED INCLUDED "FACTORY 3503," "FACTORY 714", AN ELECTRICAL FACTORY, CLOCK FACTORY, NANKING AUTOMOBILE FACTORY, AND SEVERAL OTHERS. THE ACTIVISM OF AUTO WORKERS WAS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ABRUPT WITHDRAWAL ON NOV 19 OF EARLIER OFFER FOR US DELEGATION TO VISIT THE AUTOMOBILE FACTORY.

5. PEOPLE WERE READING THE SIGNS WITH SOME INTEREST BUT THE NUMBER OF READERS WAS QUITE SMALL. THE DELEGATIONS ESCORTS SEEMED QUITE RELAXED ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN AND THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF IT AT THE NANKING PETROCHEMICAL PLANT VISITED BY THE GROUP.
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THERE WERE, HOWEVER, TWO SMALL INDICATIONS OF SOME PROBLEMS WITH PUBLIC ORDER. THE GUARD AT THE PETRO-CHEMICAL PLANT GATE CRADLED AN AK-47 UNDER HIS ARM RATHER THAN THE USUAL RIFLE WITH FIXED BAYONET AND A GUARD GRUFFLY TURNED AWAY TWO MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO WALK ALONG PART OF THE NANKING BRIDGE
AT NIGHT. A FRIENDLY FISHERMAN WHO WITNESSED INCIDENT TOLD THEM BRIDGE
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WAS CLOSED TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AT NIGHT BECAUSE THERE WERE
"BAD PEOPLE" IN CITY WHO MIGHT ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE IT.

6. SOOCHOW -HSU SHIH-YU WAS CRITICIZED MOE REQUENTLY AND IN
MORE DETAIL IN POSTERS IN SOOCHOW THAN IN NANKING. "COMRADE" HSU SAID
TO HAVE CREATED AN "INDEPENDENT KINGDOM" IN THE AREA AND WAS
CRITICIZED FOR NOT CARRYING OUT THE LINE OF THE 9TH AND 10TH
PARTY CONGRESS. NUMEROUS LARGE POSTERS DETAILED HSU'S ERRORS
SINCE 1966 BASING THE ACCUSATIONS UPON SELF-CRITICISMS BY OTHER
PROVINCIAL LEADERS AND CONCLUDED THAT HIS POLICY WAS THE SAME
AS LIN PIAO'S. THE TONE OF THE ACCUSATIONS WAS MORE INSORROW THAN
ANGER, AND HSU WAS NOT ACCUSED OF BEING A "SWORN FOLLOWER"
OF LIN. KIANGSU TRADE UNION CHIEF HUA LIN-SEN WAS ALSO
CRITICIZED IN SEVERAL SLOGANS.

7. MANY OF POSTERS AGAIN APPEARED TO BE WORK OF THE "MASS RE-
PRESENTATIVES" GROUP EASED OUT OF POWER SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THEY
CRITICIZED THE "EIGHT BIG BATTLES" (PA-TA CHAN-YI) FACTION,
WHICH APPARENTLY NOW IN POWER IN SOOCHOW, FOR GOING AGAINST IN-
STRUCTIONS ISSUED BY PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI IN JANUARY 28 AND 29, 1968,
WHICH SAID BOTH MAIN FACTIONS IN SOOCHOW WERE GOOD AND SHOULD
WORK TOGETHER.

8. OTHER POSTERS SUGGESTED THAT SOOCHOW IS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH
YOUTH SENT TO COUNTRYSIDE AND WITH PUBLIC ORDER. FREQUENT
EXHIBITIONS WERE CLEARLY INTENDED TO CONVINCE YOUTH OF VALUES
OF LABORING ALONG WITH PEASANTS. SUGGESTING THAT MANY MAY INSTEAD BE
CAUSING TROUBLE BY ROAMING AROUND THE CITY, ONE POSTER DEMANDED
PROTECTION FOR FEMALE STUDENTS AT LOCAL COLLEGE, ANOTHER
CRITICIZED PUBLIC SECURITY APPARATUS, AND OTHERS PRAISED PLA. MILITIA
HEADQUARTERS WERE CONSPICUOUS IN MANY PLACES AND THEY WERE ACTIVE
IN CROWD CONTROL WHEREVER THE DELEGATION VISITED. THERE WAS NOT,
HOWEVER, ANY EVIDENCE OF PROBLEMS DURING LATE EVENING WALK
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DOWN MAJOR STREET, AND THE POPULATION SEEMED RELAXED.

9. SLOGANS WERE BEING PUT UP IN ALL PARTS OF SOOCHOW PRAISING
CONFERENCES TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES GAINED IN CAMPAIGN TO
EMULATE TA CHING OIL FIELDS IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. SOME
POSTERS TIED THIS EFFORT TO CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE LIN
PIAO AND CONFUCIUS.

OTHERS SAID IT WAS MEANS TO PROMOTE A NEW "GREAT LEAP FORWARD"
IN PRODUCTION. NANKING ALSO HAD FEW SLOGANS REFERRING TO THESE
CONFERENCES AND AT THE PETROCHEMICAL PLANT, THEY WERE MENTIONED
AS WAY FOR CADRE IN SIMILAR INDUSTRIES TO DISCUSS INNOVATIONS IN
TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT.

10. SHENYANG - TORN SCRAPS OF PAPER ATTEST TO THE ACTIVE POSTER

CAMPAIGN IN SHENYANG LAST SUMMER, BUT THERE IS NOTHING LEFT NOW BUT FEW STANDARD SLOGANS PRAISING THE YOUTH OF THE COUNTRYSIDE PROGRM. ONE OF SHENYANG'S MANY LARGE NEWLY PAINTED OFFICIAL SLOGANS DOES, HOWEVER, STRIKE A DISCORDANT FOREIGN POLICY NOTE BY QUOTING MAO'S 1970 STATEMENTS CALLING ON "PEOPLE OF ALL THE WORLD" TO "UNITE AND OPPOSE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND ITS RUNNING DOGS." A LOCALLY-PRODUCED LIAONING UNIVERSITY ENGLISH TEXTBOOK SIMILARLY SEEMED TO BE ABOUT 80 PERCENT ANTI-US PROPAGANDA.

11. ANSHAN - POLITICAL POSTERS IN ANSHAN WERE TATTERED AND WORN SUGGESTING AN INTENSE CAMPAIGN LAST SUMMER BUT LITTLE CURRENT ACTIVITY. ONE POSTER IN THE ANYANG STEEL WORKS DID CRITICIZE THE "WANG YANG-SHIU SPLITTISTS" AND INCLUDED HIM IN A GENERAL SLOGAN CRITICIZING LIN PIAO, CONFUCIUS AND A PERSON NAMED KAO.

12. PRODUCTION, HOWEVER, WAS MAIN THEME AT STEEL FACTORY. NUMEROUS SLOGANS EXHORTED WORKERS TO WORK HARDER TO FULFILL THE 4TH QUARTER PLANS AND THE GOALS OF FOURTH 5-YEAR PLAN. MANY REFERRED TO SPECIAL "55-DAY PLAN" TO STEP UP PRODUCTION AND CALLED ON WORKERS TO COMPLETE FOUR DAYS WORK IN TWO DAYS. THEY ALSO REFERRED TO MAKING A "GREAT LEAP FORWARD" IN PRODUCTION. IN BOTH THE ANSHANG STEEL MILL AND SHENYANG'S TRANSFORMER FACTORY, THERE WERE NUMEROUS BULLETIN BOARDS SHOWING RIBBONS FOR MODEL WORKERS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR WORKERS WHO PRODUCED IN EXCESS OF QUOTAS. TECHNICIANS IN BOTH FACTORIES CLAIMED

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THE FACTOREIS WERE WORKING AT FULL PRODUCTION AND GAVE NO HINT OF PROBLEMS CAUSED BY MATERIAL SHORTAGES OR WORKER ABSENTEEISM.

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